

# **Exhibit 1**

**Harrison Police Department  
650 North Street  
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03-28-07

To: Captain Anthony Marraccini  
From : Officers listed herein  
Re: Possible crime committed

Captain,

This letter is to inform you of a disturbing set of circumstances that may constitute the possible commission of a crime.

In January, 2007, President Ralph Tancredi was conducting a customary examination of the many donations the Harrison Police Association receives during the Christmas holiday season. Pursuant to his examination, President Tancredi noticed that Brae Burn Country Club, as well as other donors, had not sent their customary annual donation. He inquired with the administration at Brae Burn CC as to whether they had sent or were going to send their annual donation for 2006. The administration said that they had made a donation of \$2500.00 and that the check was personally picked up by Chief Hall at Brae Burn CC. The Brae Burn CC administration said that they would look into the matter and get back to President Tancredi. President Tancredi and other members of the executive board were contacted a short time later and the Brae Burn CC administration was disturbed to find out that the check had been altered and the funds had been deposited in the New York State Chiefs of Police Association account (Chief Hall was the President of the Chiefs of Police Association at the time). The Brae Burn administration was very clear with President Tancredi that the check was made out to the Harrison Police Association and was intended to be a charitable donation to the Harrison Police Association (see enclosed copy of check). Brae Burn said they received a receipt (see enclosed copy) for an advertisement in the Chiefs of Police Association Journal a short time after Chief Hall picked up the check, but apparently Chief Hall never discussed the advertisement with the Brae Burn charitable donation committee and Brae Burn did not authorize anyone to cross out Harrison in the payee line and replace it with Chiefs. They also said that they were very surprised when they saw that the funds had gone to the Chiefs of Police Association and not the Harrison Police Association.

President Tancredi, under the belief that a mistake had been made, discussed the matter with the Association's executive board and some other members of the Association. Vice President Michael Walther subsequently asked Chief Hall if he had any checks or donations that were intended for the Harrison Police Association. The hope was that a mistake had been made. In the past, some donations that were intended for the Association had been mistakenly deposited into Town of Harrison accounts and reimbursements by the Town were made to the Association when the errors were made

apparent. Chief Hall, however, informed Vice President Walther that he did not have any checks or any funds that were intended for the Association.

President Tancredi and the other members of the Association with knowledge of the events in question now needed legal advice and advice was sought from multiple sources. This took a few weeks because some of the attorneys were not available when the Association members were available. After legal consultation (and only after these legal consultations), the members concluded that it was possible that the Brae Burn donation check may have been intentionally altered and redirected into the Chiefs of Police account. As this would constitute a criminal act, it the understanding of the members of the Association with knowledge of this possible crime that we have an obligation to report the incident to the Harrison Police Department. This letter is intended to serve as notification to you and the department of this incident. We respectfully request that you investigate this matter on our behalf and notify us of the results of your investigation. It is also our understanding that if we are not comfortable or disagree with the results of your investigation, we reserve the right as potential crime victims to pursue the matter with another law enforcement agency.

We would also like to note at this time that we are making this notification due to our legal and departmental obligations. We are, however, fearful of retaliatory action on the part of the Harrison Police Department administration and we would like that to be noted at this time. It is our sincere hope and expectation that we will be given the understanding and courtesy shown to other potential crime victims by the Harrison Police Department.

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